



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

Plan Area: Stone Oak Area Regional Center

Subject: Visioning Board – Summary of Input Received

Date: May 17, 2022 for Community Meeting #2

May 11, 2022 – July 4, 2022 for survey period via SA Speakup/Public Input

OVERVIEW

The City of San Antonio Planning obtained public input using an online questionnaire and a public meeting to inform the “Vision and Goals” for the SA Tomorrow Stone Oak Area Regional Center, and to educate Planning Department staff on the assets, challenges and opportunities in the plan area.

Questionnaire

The Questionnaire included basic introductory information about the scope of the plan. The questionnaire was promoted using email, the project webpage, social media, and at the public meeting. Approximately 69 responses to the questionnaire were collected.

1st Public Meeting

The meeting was on May 17, 2022 at the Worship Center of Wayside Chapel at 1300 Evans Road, in the Stone Oak Area Regional Center. It was organized as an open house format. The meeting included existing conditions information displayed on boards. Public input was collected using the online questionnaire available on the Regional Center website. During the meeting, iPads were made available for any participants that wanted to take the online survey during the meeting. Spanish translation services were advertised and available. The meeting was advertised using postcards mailed to all plan area addresses, and digital media. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting.

OVERVIEW OF QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

What do you like about this area?

Responses to the “What do you like about this area?” question included the following themes:

- Parks and trails
- Open spaces
- Sites to see on a hike, walking, biking
- Trees, parks, nature within neighborhoods
- Dining options (fine dining and every day options)
- Natural terrain (canyons) that can be part of trail system
- Wildlife

What is missing from this area?

Responses to the “What is missing from this area?” question included the following themes:

- Increase mobility options
 - Need more bike lanes and bike trails
 - More electric vehicle charging stations
 - Expand VIA link for shopping and medical appointments
 - Transportation to military bases
 - Good public transportation
 - Increase routes to downtown SA on weekends
 - Improved transit routes overall
 - 648 could use a redesign
 - Safe offroad bike trails/greenways that allow connectivity with existing greenway trails in San Antonio
 - Extend VIA Stone Oak hours past 7 PM, and add weekends
 - Safe, walkable areas – AARP and America Walks launched the Texas State Walking College (a fellowship program for walking advocates in TX).
 - Light rail
- Lower property taxes
- More walkable neighborhoods
- Pearl District like venue, where you can spend a day doing multiple things in the same area
 - Walking district with shops/restaurants/entertainment
 - TPC Shops is good but not as nice as La Cantera or the Pearl District
 - Centrally located walkable shopping/entertainment district
- More public art
- Better public lighting at night, along roadways and walkways
- Amenities
 - Community centers
 - Places to hang out, take a class, vote, meet new people, join a club
 - Pickleball courts at Steubing Ranch Park
 - Senior center/day care to help aging population (adult daycare)

What would you change for the future?

Responses to the “What would you change for the future?” question included the following themes:

- Reach out to HOAs, Heights of Stone Oak
- Walkable neighborhoods, mixed use
- Improve connectivity in the area, especially transit
- Provide incentives for those who walk/bike/ride transit
- Transit routes stops on Frontage Roads right off 1604 feels very dangerous
- Connect existing parks & trails and encourage biking programs and bike advocates to engage with the community
- Create safe spaces for pedestrians with infrastructure made with pedestrians in mind instead of cars



- Less construction
- Keep more trees
- Police substation north of 1604
- Relief for small businesses – rent in Stone Oak is high and small businesses close within 2 years
- Better routes for Stone Oak Via terminal
- No more multi-family permitting (apartments)
- More commercial land planning
- More police to enforce driving violations (speeding, distracted drivers)

What is your "big idea" for the Stone Oak Area?

Responses:

- Connect linear bike and hike trails to Great Springs trail that goes from the Capital to the Alamo!
- Build a senior community center
- Community adult day-care for adults with special needs
- Pickle ball courts at parks
- Increased hours for Stone Oak VIA hub – open later and on weekends
- Add routes for Stone Oak VIA hub to military bases, USAA, and Brooks City Base
- Connect Stone Oak parks with each other and Salado Creek Greenway via trails for walking and biking
- Safe access from Stone Oak to Leon Creek (west side) and to the 410 area/McAllister Park.
- Many greenways that could accommodate a paved greenway with exercise stations, picnic tables, etc.
- Walkable entertainment district, pedestrian friendly, pearl-like space
- Improve walkability and pedestrian safety & infrastructure
- Improve transit services and connectivity in the community would like to see transit pass by Parman Library and upcoming Classen Park

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC MEETING RESULTS

Most of the public input collected at the May 17th Meeting was recorded on the interactive paper wall graphic. Additional input was collected via an online survey available on the City of San Antonio home page and promoted via social media. The survey was open from May 11, 2022 to July 4, 2022.



What do you like most about this area?

- Hilly landscape, natural beauty
- Great schools
- Beautiful infrastructure
- Easy access to hospitals and restaurants
- Property values
- Unique in assimilation and pedagogy
- Restaurants, shopping
- Location
- Not overcrowded
- Hills
- Safety
- Park amenities
- Well maintained green spaces in the middle of the roads
- Easy access to highways
- Available services (medical, restaurants, grocery, department stores)
- Short driving distances for daily needs
- Deer, foxes, other wildlife
- Scenery
- Convenience of small stores, shops
- Clean streets
- A little of everything – great schools, parks/trails, dining/shopping options
- Diversity in growth

What is missing from this area?

- Blanco to 1604 is a mess, traffic control
- Large amounts of traffic with so much development
- More walkable entertainment districts
- Pearl-like space
- Greenway trails
- A central commercial center/town square area that identifies and unites the area
- Police patrol
- Bike paths for getting around
- More and better playground areas
- Some shopping strips are losing tenants
- Good public transportation in and out of the area
- Roads that accommodate growth in area
- More walkable, bikeable areas, better transit access that connects community hubs, more sidewalks
- Affordable housing

- More local restaurants and variety of ethnic foods
- Walkable, mixed-use areas like Pearl
- Public institution(s) of higher education
- Protected bicycle lanes and pedestrian bridges across 281
- Places for families to gather with picnic tables and pavilions
- Park with nice playground, soccer fields, and water splash
- East-west bike trail along powerline ROW (Tex Hill MS, Encino Park ES, Las Lomas ES, Reagan HS)
- Place for preteen and above to skateboard
- Major employers
- Senior Center, adult day care/center for adults
- Police substation
- Better traffic flow
- main street/ pedestrian ave./ city center, sidewalks/ bike lines, trails that connect to SA trails
- School zone speed regulation

What would you change about the community so that it attracts future generations?

- More parks with features for all ages, such as splash pads and playgrounds
- Connected greenway trails, more hiking trails, green spaces connected with city-wide greenway trails
- Preserve mature trees
- More amenities that cater to people on bikes and pedestrians
- Mixed use areas
- Add more recreation and walkable shopping/cultural areas
- Safe and walkable routes to schools and community hubs
- More lookout points, open to public hill tops for beautiful country views, landscaping
- Community centers
- Senior Centers for aging population
- Live theater
- Become a hub for cultural art and have a spread of artistic spaces
- Refurbish empty buildings for education purposes (such as a satellite college site)
- Fill empty commercial spaces
- Better traffic management, improve north-south/east-west traffic flow, more dedicated right-turns to improve direct entry/exit for freeways
- Improve traffic flow controls during school zones
- Expanded bus routes
- Ease of road access
- Urban walkable areas
- Urban lifestyle
- Greater sense of community/inclusivity
- More local and ethnic restaurants
- More police patrol to control speeding, noise control, theft



- Jobs – more higher paying jobs, more corporate offices
- Stop building apartments (several comments indicating a feeling that there are already too many apartments and concerns that they create traffic bottlenecks), limit population density, no need to attract more people, enough here already, control growth
- Lower property taxes

What is your vision or what are your “big ideas” for the future of this area?


- Sports complex and extend accessibility to parks and trails
- Connect this area to the Harold Peak Greenway
- Connect to citywide trailways, build direct connections onto/off of freeways
- Greenway trail loop around the 281/1604 interchange joining separated communities
- Develop "green/ecological" industry, and research in the area. Make it a hotspot
- More parks and community spaces
- More sidewalks
- More trees
- Accessible bike lanes throughout the entire area
- Encouraging residents to walk/bike, providing safe infrastructure/ hubs for volunteering/ community
- Recognize people working from home not driving at peak hours, reducing road design requirements
- Entertainment area/district with indoor and outdoor spaces, for all ages with engaging events
- Keep it green, better traffic management, plenty of ways to walk and bike safely
- Create public places and clean and improve Blanco Rd. Extend Huebner to 281
- change the parking area to garages and capture some of the land back for green space
- More areas for community gathering (parks and trails); extend Hardy Oak to Blanco
- More local and ethnic food restaurants
- More amenities at parks for adults and children, beyond trails, such as splash pads, basketball, tennis, playgrounds, picnic areas. Example of downtown theater and park area was mentioned
- Landing spot for bigger companies, attract more employers
- Higher education institution
- More businesses, tax breaks to businesses so lease/rent doesn't fail businesses and they last
- A big employer with surrounding dense residential and retail
- Fix and maintain infrastructure, no more apartments until infrastructure can handle, no uncontrolled growth that outgrows roads and utilities
- Less dense habitation
- Walking for shopping
- Make it into a "downtown" like area where traffic going into downtown can be reduced
- Animal Care Services facility to help handle stray/dumped pets
- Better public transportation
- Via service needs to have more of a tie in to local events.



- Less light pollution
- No more apartments

Below are screenshots of some of the input we received during the community meeting.

Name: **Curtis Carter**

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for the Stone Oak Area:

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Name: Laura

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My BIG idea for the Stone Oak Area:

Name: Chaula

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Name:

Rich



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for the Stone Oak Area:

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pedestrian friendly

Pearl-like space



Nombre:

Hazel



Mi Idea PRINCIPAL para el Área de Stone Oak

Improve walkability
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Community Meeting #1
May 17th, 2022

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What do you like about this house? /
What do you dislike about it?

1. I like the water tower.
2. I like the trees.
3. I like the house.
4. I like the garden.



Water tower
Public, Parks
- trees
to health, to be
Sights to see in a house

What do you like about the song?
I like the lyrics the most.
In "Rise and Shine" the lyrics are "Rise and Shine!
Get up and shine like the sun!"



What were the lyrics to "Rise and Shine"?
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What are some ideas about this space?
 How to make it more attractive?
 How to make it change to the space better?
 Change it with the design?



What are some thoughts about it? How to make it better?

Walking area, being
 back, not a new
 garden. Stone Oak
 Park, walking area, compare
 that can be part of the
 design of the landscape.

Want to see the other side of the world?
You're going to love it!

It's time to take a break in the great outdoors.
Discover what you really want.



4 Write your thoughts down. They're your chance to shine.

PARKS
+
TRAILS



